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(b) for how many years they were so employed and when such deputation was terminated and why;

(c) whether Samastanam Paiks, Naiks and Sardars are employed as treasury guards in the Ghumsur division in addition to or in lieu of the ordinary police; and

(d) whether there is any necessity for placing additional guards at Government treasuries in the Ghumsur division?

A.—(a) to (d) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b) of question No. 552. The Government have no other information.

Resumption of service inams held by the Sardars, Naiks and Paiks of the Ghumsur division.

* 555 Q.—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Inam Commissioner in 1862 or thereabouts ordered the resumption of service inams held by the Sardars, Naiks and Paiks of Ghumsur division as well as the doratanams of the Parlakimedi taluk, but that by G.O. No. 1110, dated 13th July 1867, Government directed that they should be left untouched and that by G.O. No. 1425, Revenue, dated 22nd July 1927, the doratanam inams in Parlakimedi taluk were ordered to be resumed and fully assessed?

A.—In G.O. No. 1110, dated 13th July 1867, the Government ordered that no change should then be made in the condition of the Paiks. At the same time the Government stated that they would give their deliberate consideration to this question later. In G.O. No. 1425, Revenue, dated 22nd July 1927, the Government directed that the doratanam inams in the Parlakimedi estate should be resumed and fully assessed.

Procedure in regard to the levy of 'Theerva Jasthi' and 'Pasal Jasthi'.

* 556 Q.—Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what is the procedure now adopted in order to let the villagers know of the levy of the excess water-cess by way of 'Theervai Jasthi' and 'Pasal Jasthi'?

A.—When a patta is delivered to a ryot at jamabandi it contains particulars of these charges. In cases where it is proposed to levy enhanced water cess for the irregular use of Government water, intimation of the proposal is given to the ryots, a reasonable interval being allowed for the submission of objections. It is left to the Collectors, subject to the control of the Board of Revenue, to decide whether this intimation should take the form of an individual notice to each ryot or a collective notice posted up from time to time in the village chavadi or other public place.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether intimation of the enhanced cess is given before the excess of water is used or after it is used? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" After the water is used."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" Is it not a fact that any evidence to prove the contrary would vanish, if intimation is given long after the water is used? "

(No reply.)

Extent of dry lands in Repalle taluk, prior to the introduction of the increased shutters to the Kistna anicut.

* 557 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the extent of dry lands was in the year immediately preceding the introduction of the increased shutters to the Kistna anicut, held by the ryots in the Repalle taluk, Guntur district, which were unfit for dry cultivation and useless to those ryots unless brought under irrigation;

(*b*) how much of that extent has been sanctioned for irrigation since then;

(*c*) how much of it is still lying waste;

(*d*) what the reason for not extending the benefit of irrigation to those lands is; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that most of these lands are lands situated at the tail-ends of irrigation canals, and can easily be irrigated with much less water than elsewhere and with no additional cost to them?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

Mr. G. Simhachalam:—" May I ask whether the hon. Member has any objection to place the report on the table of the House when it is received? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" I shall consider the question when the report is received."

Minor Irrigation

Restoration of the Panjamthangi tank, Ramnad district.

* 558 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Elundrakondan Periyakulam and Panjamthangi tank in Elundrakondan, Srivilliputtur taluk, Ramnad district, serve one and the same ayacut;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Panjamthangi tank is in an abandoned state and the question of its restoration is now engaging the attention of the Government;